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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8224**
Toru SUZUKI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2001_0554A
Serial No. 09/854,528 : Group Art Unit 1791
Filed May 15, 2001 : Examiner John M. Hoffmann

ORIENTED SINTERED CERAMIC
PRODUCT AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD THEREOF : **Mail Stop: Amendment**

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Referring to the Interview Summary form mailed March 18, 2008, Applicants' attorney hereby confirms the personal interview with Examiner Hoffmann on March 5, 2008.

Applicants' attorney argued during the interview was that one of ordinary skill in the would not attempt to orient the ceramic powders in claim 1 of the present application in a magnetic field, and referred the Examiner to the table of magnetic susceptibilities attached to the Amendment filed October 31, 2005 in this regard.

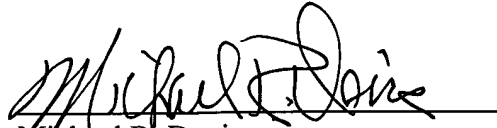
As noted in the Interview Summary form, the Examiner indicated during the interview that the rejection based on the Morita et al. reference is the stronger rejection. Applicants' attorney noted that the only mention of a magnetic field in Morita et al. is Example 3, where strontium ferrite powder is used, which is susceptible to orientation in a magnetic field, and also

noted that Examples 1 and 2 of the reference, which use alumina powder, do not use a magnetic field, but rather use centrifugal force to orient the alumina grains.

Respectfully submitted,

Toru SUZUKI et al.

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